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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir/Madam:

This paper is in response to the Office Action dated January 2, 2003. By the Petition for a Two Month Extension enclosed herewith, the date for responding is extended to June 6, 2003.

Please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Abstract begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.